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### COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

Our readers will no doubt miss the items from Knowles this week which from some unknown cause failed to reach this office.

#### JAL ITEMS.

C. K. Auburg and wife returned from Nadine last week.

G. A. Smith and family visited the orchards at Barstow this week. They report fruit plentiful but not enough to meet the demands.

W. S. Speer and W. E. Lester went to Pyote the latter part of the week after freight for C. W. Justis.

Ed. Houston and family of Nadine were Jel visitors Saturday.

Mr. Johnson and family of Eunice visited at the home of Jno. A. Stewart Saturday and Sunday.

Max Vance went to Midland Tuesday to meet his mother who will spend the balance of the summer among us.

Mrs. Maud Weathersby left Tuesday for an extended visit to relatives at Midlothian, Texas.

The Christian meeting is progressing nicely. Revs. Auburg and Lindley are doing the preaching.

Jim Dublin and family and D. C. Coats made a flying trip to Midland this week.

W. T. Watkins and family visited with C. A. Dublin and family Sunday. Shelton Howe of Kermit is spending the week at the C. A. Dublin ranch.

B. C. Davis and Fred King of Eunice passed through Jal Saturday. They were returning from Pecos and were loaded with lumber for G. P. Crenshaw.

#### TILE TRAP FOR RABBITS.

An inexpensive and permanent sewer tile trap for cottontail rabbits which has proved very effective in Kansas, is described in Farmers' Bulletin 702, "Cottontail rabbits in relation to trees and farm crops." To make the trap, proceed as follows:

Set a 12 by 6 inch T sewer tile, with the long end downward, and bury it so that the 6-inch opening at the side is below the surface of the ground. Connect two lengths of 6-inch sewer pipe horizontally with the side opening. Second grade or even broken tile will do. Cover the joints with soil, so as to exclude light. Provide a tight removable cover, such as an old harrow disk, for the top of the large tile. The projecting end of the small tile is then surrounded with rocks, brush, or wood, so as to make the hole look inviting to rabbits and encourage them to frequent the den. Rabbits, of course, are free to go in or out of these dens, which should be constructed in promising spots on the farm and in the orchard. A trained dog will locate inhabited dens. The outlet is closed with a disk of wood on a stake, or the dog guards the opening. The cover is lifted and the rabbits captured by hand.

These traps are especially suitable for open lands and prairies where rabbits cannot find natural hiding places. They are permanent and cost nothing for repairs from year to year. If it is desired to poison rabbits the baits

### CURRENT COMMENTS.

By C. J. Blanchard, Statistician.

Our first visit to the Carlsbad project was in 1914, and my trip over the valley in an auto with Project Manager Foster left us very much discouraged at the outlook for the future. Pessimism might have overcome us but for the manager, who strenuously insisted that the project was alright and that the people would win out in the end. Secretary Lane's attitude of sympathy and his help in securing the 20-year extension, together with the subdivision of numerous large holdings, have resulted in bringing about a remarkable change in the mental attitude of the farmers and in the appearance of the project generally.

Whereas two years ago nearly every farmer whom we met wanted to talk about his troubles and voice his protest against the Service, today we found them proud to show their fine fields, good stocks, and new buildings. Two years ago the fields were remarkable chiefly for the absence of farmers and evidences of cultivation. This year the acreage in crop will be the largest in the history of the project. Good farming too, is shown in cleaner cultivation, diversified crops, and increased numbers of cattle and hogs.

With the Government photographer we were escorted over the project by Secretary Scott Etter, who had planned the trip in advance so well that no time was lost in making up a double reel film, which furnishes convincing evidence that this "Valley of Sunshine" is coming quickly into its own. Limited as we were in the amount of film exposed, it was difficult to choose objects and not offend some who were anxious to show their stock and crops. We found everybody enthusiastic and helpful. Carlsbad on a few hours' notice furnished a whopping parade and a big crowd at the mill pond, where Carlsbad youths disported themselves for the camera man.

We were most fortunate as to time and subjects. On the first day we filmed a bunch of yearling steers worth \$80,000. In one field we pictured 3,000 sheep awaiting the clipper. Harvest and haying scenes were numerous and attractive. All in all the material gathered here should prove of great value in convincing home-seekers that the Carlsbad project is worth looking over.

The visit, we feel sure, resulted in creating a better spirit between the people and the Service. For ourselves we frankly admit that we have changed our ideas about the project and are more than glad to get onto the boosters' wagon. Our trip was made possible by reason of the co-operation of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce and the Water Users' Association, and to both of these organizations we are under many obligations for courtesies and hospitality extended.

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may be placed inside these traps, out of the way of domestic animals or birds. This trap also furnishes an excellent means of obtaining rabbits for the table or even for market.

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## APATHY GOVERNS POLITICAL WORLD

Committees Unable to Arouse  
Interest in Campaign.

MAY OVERFLOW LATER ON.

Idea Prevails in Many Localities That It Doesn't Make Much Difference Who is Elected, as Both Parties, It is Assured, Have Nominated Good Men—Partisanship Lacking.

By ARTHUR W. DUNN.

New York, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Can the campaign committees arouse a great public interest in this election? Will the people get worked up to a point where the selection of a president for the next four years is more important than anything else?

At present it would appear that no such public interest has been aroused. It looks as if it might be one of those campaigns where a lot of people do not care very much who wins. The idea seems to be that both parties have nominated good men and that it does not make much difference who is elected. No doubt the conditions will change very much when the committees get in good working order and the country is covered with spellbinders of the two parties who will tell the people all about the conditions which demand a change or the imperative situation which needs the same hands at the helm.

#### "General Apathy" in Command.

Old "General Apathy," a familiar figure in the mind's eye, a creation of newspaper men who did not have much to write about, seems to be in command just now. This old officer, the most prominent in many campaigns, has taken charge this year, but he won't remain in command all the time. Already there are numerous other "generals" working for a place in the limelight, and they ought to be able to drive this hoary old political man of straw into the background.

#### Partisanship Lacking.

After all, there is a lack of partisanship. There is no fierce party conflict. The differences between the parties are not so great as to cause much contention. Even on the tariff the division is one of small degree and terms rather than of such diametrical disagreement as a few years ago. The Republicans are for protection, but they are not for such high rates as those of the three last tariff laws they passed. The Democrats are for a tariff for revenue, but for such duties as will prevent injury to American interests. The Republicans are no longer for the very highest protection nor the Democrats for free trade.

In other matters the differences are largely on methods, with an apparent desire to reach the same ends and benefit the whole country. The Real Contest. Then what is the real contest? you may ask. Well, the Democrats want to stay in and the Republicans want to get in. And, as a matter of fact, many a campaign is for that and little else. It is a fight for control, a world old fight and one which has been one of the healthy signs in a democratic government.

Under various names parties have struggled for control of governments. Sometimes there have been great issues involved, and the people by their votes have settled the important questions in dispute, but always and ever there has been a contest for control by the two great political divisions, composed of men who, for one reason or another, have aligned themselves with different parties.

#### Colonel House Consulted.

Although there has been very little said about Colonel E. M. House, he is a very important personage in the campaign. Colonel House is spending the summer up in New Hampshire, but quite often a confidential emissary of the Democratic national committee leaves New York and spends a day with the Texas colonel and returns with the views of that silent but powerful individual. Colonel House is the only man who possesses to the fullest degree the confidence of the president.

#### Will Co-operate.

Although the Republican senators appointed a committee to look after the election of senators in doubtful states, it is the intention of the committee to work almost entirely with the national organization. They intend to co-operate rather than conduct separate campaigns. After talking with Chairman Wilcox they concluded better results could be obtained in that way.

#### One of the Doubtful States.

West Virginia is one of the doubtful states. It has been Republican since 1860, save four years ago, when it went Democratic. This year there will be a battle for its electoral votes, not only because both parties want those votes, but also because a United States senator is to be elected.

#### An Assistant For Hughes.

L. H. Green of Washington was with Justice Hughes as his secretary and he is one of his valuable assistants during the campaign. Green was not in the line of politics while in Washington, but he is getting in line very fast this year.

## SIR ROGER CASEMENT HANGS PUT TO DEATH IN LONDON PRISON FOR HIGH TREASON.

Sir Roger Casement paid the penalty for treason with his life. He was hanged in Pentonville prison, London. Ten minutes later his body was cut down after life was pronounced to be extinct. The Irish leader's last word were spoken fearlessly while he was on the scaffold while he waited for the drop to fall and were "I die for my country." Casement was attended by two priests. His relatives are Protestants.



LATE SIR ROGER CASEMENT.

ants, but he was a recent convert to the Roman Catholic church. While the execution was in progress thirty Irishmen knelt outside the prison and prayed for the repose of his soul. A large number of persons were before the prison, and when the bell tolled announcing the law's satisfaction there were a few cheers mixed with groans. Several Irish women standing at the rear of the prison, led by an Irish member of parliament, attempted a demonstration but were quickly hustled off the scene by guards.

#### Found Dead Before Mirror.

Seated before a mirror at her home in Paris, Tex., and the skull split between the eyes the corpse of Mrs. G. T. Saunders, wife of a wealthy retired business man, at the time in Colorado for his health, was found by a laundry driver, who had called for the washing. Her head was leaning back and a pool of blood had formed upon the floor. Mrs. Saunders had been in bad health for a long time. Burial was at Waco.

#### Cotton Value for 1915.

The total value of the country's commercial cotton crop, exclusive of the seed, for the year ending July 31, was \$755,500,560, compared with \$563,432,978 the previous year, according to the annual report of H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange. Including the seed the total value of the year's crop was placed at \$958,200,000.

#### Falls Heir to Fortune.

William McGraw of Texarkana has received advice that he has fallen heir to a share of an estate left by an aunt in Detroit. Estate is valued at from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000. There are three heirs and each gets a third. Mr. McGraw, who is sixty-five years old, went to Detroit. He says he expects to invest a large part of his inheritance in Texarkana property.

#### Dead Man's Rank Raised.

By special act the senate gave rank of lieutenant colonel to M. C. Butler, killed at Alpine, Tex., by Harry J. Spannell in the double tragedy that also took Mrs. Spannell's life. The promotion from major was declared effective as of July 1. This means Butler's widow will get the larger pension that accompanies the higher rank.

#### Get Much Booty.

Three automobile bandits held up pay clerks at Detroit entering plant of the Burroughs Adding Machine company and after shooting one clerk escaped with bags said to have contained \$31,000. Other employees gave chase in an automobile and a running fight ensued. The bandits, armed with rifles, got away.

#### Large Flour Order.

A Philadelphia firm has received an order from the entente allies for one million barrels of flour. A large part of the order will be milled in South Dakota and Minneapolis, it is said.

#### Jealous of Baby Sister.

Raymond and Geneva Holland, aged eight and eleven years respectively, displeased at the arrival of a baby sister, ran away from the Chicago residence. Police went after them.

#### "Moonshine" Whisky Seized.

Three men are held for the federal grand jury at Durant, Okla., and 1,500 gallons of "moonshine" whisky were seized in two raids by Special Officer T. E. Brents and three deputies on stills at Swink and Fort Towson.

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### SUBMISSION MAJORITY 1,784.

THIS INCLUDES FIVE COUNTIES NOT  
SENDING IN RETURNS.

When the official total vote of the recent Texas Democratic primary election was cast up Sunday at Houston by Charles J. Kirk, secretary of the state Democratic executive committee, submission was leading by but 1,150 votes. To that lead was added 630 submission majority from Bastrop, Fannin, Gaines, Menard, Shackelford and Upton counties, which failed to send in official returns. This gives a net majority for submission of 1,784.

#### Patient Beating Charged.

An affidavit on information and belief charging Miss E. Dobbins, nurse at the Dallas city hospital, with aggravated assault upon Catherine Ellis, a child patient, suffering with typhoid fever, was made before County Attorney Lively by Miss Elizabeth Baker of the humane society and the charge filed in criminal court No. 2. Miss Dobbins denied the charge. The charge stated the child, eight years of age, was crying and that the nurse told a fourteen-year-old girl to go in and slap her, and that later the nurse herself hit the child. Several witnesses were listed on the complaint. Miss Dobbins was exonerated.

#### Army Hospital on Wheels.

The first United States army hospital on wheels is under contract, to be built at Pullman, the Chicago suburb. The hospital will be a ten-car train, converted Pullmans, which will bear the insignia of the United States army medical division. By the terms of the

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agreement the government is "to rent the cars with the privilege of purchase at any time. The train will be ready for use in about ten days, it has been announced.

#### SPECIAL

## Excursion



Account Republican Nominating Convention at Santa Fe August 23d, round trip tickets to that point will be on sale for one and one-third fare, or \$28.47, on August 21st, 22nd, 23rd with final return limit of August 25th. ROUND TRIP SUMMER TOURIST. Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Cal. \$58.30

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